MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : ചട്ടത്തിനുവി പരീതമായി വരുന്ന സംഗതികൾ കഴിയുന്നതും വേഗത്തിൽ തീരുമാനി ക്കണ്ടാ എന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : ഇതിലേക്കു കുറെ കാലം കൂടി വേണ്ടിവരും.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : അധികം താമ സിക്കാതെ തീരുമാനം ഉണ്ടാക്കിയാൽ ആശ്വാസകരമാണല്ലോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : ആലോചിക്കാം.

Graduate clerks of the Secretariat recently confirmed.

77. MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken to ameliorate the condition of the graduate clerks who were acting for long periods in the Secretariat but who have been recently confirmed ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 76.

Registry of Forest Areas.

78. MR. V. J. OOMMEN (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Conservator of Forests has ever written to them during the last three years (1102 to 1104) that he had no objection to have certain specified forest areas registered in the names of private individuals ?

(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the area of each of these lands with its locality and the names of persons or firms in whose favour those recommendations were made ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) The answer is in the affirmative.

(2) There are many such instances. The Government do not propose to collect the information as the labour and time involved will be disproportionate to its possible utility.

Law's Delays Committee.

79. MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any suggestion or recommendation was made by the High Court as to the composition of the Law's Delays Committee ;

(*b*) if so, what was it and whether it was acted upon ; and

(*c*) if not, why ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. The High Court had, however, made a suggestion that a Judge of the High Court might be deputed to enquire into law's delays. But the Government after careful consideration came to

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the conclusion that the appointment of a retired Judge of the High Court who had risen to the position of a High Court Judge from the rank of a Munsiff would be better for the enquiry in hand.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know why the opinion of the High Court, which is an expert body, was not accepted by the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government had before them the whole question of the agency to be appointed for enquiring law's delays. There were many recommendations. One of them was the recommendation of the High Court. Another was the opinion of this Council itself expressed at two Sessions. All these were considered and Government came to their own conclusion.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether it was the opinion of the Government that the recommendation of the High Court was wrong?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I never said that Government considered the opinion of the High Court to be wrong.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether any recommendation was made by the Legislative Council as to the composition of the Committee?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether this appointment of a retired Judge as the Law's Delays Commissioner is purely the result of consideration by the Government alone?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That can be seen in the G. O. itself.

Appointment of the Law's Delays Commissioner.

80. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the appointment of a Commissioner to enquire into law's delays in the Civil Courts of the State, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the question of appointing a committee to enquire into law's delays in Civil Courts of the State was referred to the High Court, and, if so, what was the recommendation of the High Court regarding the status of the officer to be deputed as the Chief Commissioner;

(*b*) the date of passing final orders by the Government on the proposal of appointing a committee for enquiring into law's delays in the Civil Courts of the State; and

(*c*) the date on which the Chief Commissioner was appointed?

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